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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

William Vetter  
Assistant General Counsel  
Rockwell International Corporation  
Corporate Headquarters  
2230 East Imperial Highway  
El Segundo, California 90245

Re: Supplemental Request for Information Pursuant to Section  
104(e) of CERCLA for the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Site  
in Rockford, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Vetter:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), is currently investigating the source, extent and nature of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, at the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Site in Rockford, Illinois, hereinafter referred to as the "Site". This investigation requires inquiry into the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of such substances that have been or threaten to be released at or near the Site.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Pub. L. 99-499, you are hereby requested to respond to the following Information Request. Compliance with the enclosed Information Request is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to this Information Request within twenty (20) days of receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, can result in enforcement action by U.S. EPA pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA which, as amended, authorizes the United States to seek penalties from a Federal Court of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each day of continued non-compliance. "Non-compliance" is considered by U.S. EPA to be not only failure to respond to the Request but also failure to respond completely and truthfully to each Request. Please be further advised that provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or up to five (5) years of imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

In response to a previous Information Request, you submitted a "Proposal for Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments at Rockwell International Corporation, Graphic Systems Division, Harrison Plant - 2524 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois," prepared by Dames & Moore, dated May 15, 1991. Provide us with the following information: 1) were either a Phase I or Phase II Environmental Assessment performed; and 2) if so, provide any analytical results as well as any reports prepared in connection with this work. Also in response to a previous Information Request, you indicated that Dames & Moore removed stained soils located near the sludge dumpster, and that you anticipated a final report on this work in late February or March, 1992. Provide a copy of that report, as well as any other reports or documents prepared in connection with that work.

The U.S. EPA has the authority to use the information requested herein in an administrative, civil or criminal action. This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et seq.

Your response to this Information Request should be mailed to:

Karen Vendl  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, HSRL-6J  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Please direct any legal questions you may have to Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Regional Counsel at (312) 353-6126. If you have any other questions contact Ms. Vendl at (312) 886-4739.

Due to the seriousness of the problem at the Site and the legal ramifications of your failure to respond promptly and properly, U.S. EPA strongly encourages you to give this matter your immediate attention and to respond to this Information Request within the time specified above.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Bowden, Acting Chief  
Illinois/Indiana Remedial Response Branch

Enclosure